

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations **GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION**

Day of Prayer

WHEREAS, prayer provides peace and guidance in times of crisis and conflict; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of Rhode Island, we have been strengthened, assured, and lifted up through prayer; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 60th anniversary of the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island was to be a lively experiment, made up of a wide variety of religious, spiritual, and cultural traditions, each deserving the same respect, recognition, and freedom to practice as the next; and

WHEREAS, we pray for our families, communities, government, education institutions, businesses, military and media that all be given wisdom and guidance; and

WHEREAS, we give thanks for the many blessings and freedoms in our lives, communities, state, and nation, and through prayer seek to renew our dedication to being respectful and productive members of society; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2011 a Day of Prayer in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all Rhode Islanders to respect and observe this day praying for the continued safety and well-being of all citizens.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this _5.4 day of May, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee Governor

A. Ralph Mollis

Secretary of State